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* 440 கேள்வி—திரு. மு. செல்லையா : கனம் உணவு அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) ஸ்ரீவில்லியுத்தார் தானுகா வந்திராயிருப்பிலிருந்து மதுரை போகும் போக்குவரத்து ரோட்டு ல் கல்லை ஆற்றில் மேம்பாலம் கட்டும் உத்தேசம் ஏதேனும் உண்டா ?

(இ) ஆம் எனில், அதற்கான எஷ்டிமேட் தொகை எவ்வளவு, அவ்வேலை எப்பொழுது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) A bridge at mile $\frac{1}{2}$ of Watrap-Maharajapuram Alagapuri road at a cost of Rs. 3 lakhs has been proposed in the draft Fourth Five-Year Road Plan. The work will be taken up for execution during the Fourth Plan period, subject to the availability of funds.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO SHORTAGE IN SUPPLY OF NYLON YARN TO FISHERMEN

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Information and Publicity to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, distress of the fishermen in the State at large, especially in Tirunelveli district, due to shortage in supply of nylon yarn.

THE HON. SRI G. BHUVARAHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement :—

Nylon twine is now manufactured in India by Messrs. Garware Nylons, Bombay, since about 5 years and their "Garnyl" nylon twine is available in the open market. Their agent in Madras City is Messrs. Beardsell and Company (Private) Limited, Second Line Beach, Madras. There is therefore no dearth of nylon twine in the State.

The Fisheries Department is supplying nylon twine at 25 per cent subsidised cost to groups of fishermen to whom mechanised boats are allotted at the rate of 200 lb. per 30 feet boat and 300 lb. per 32 feet boat. So far, 332 numbers of mechanised boats together with the required quantity of nylon have been supplied to the fishermen in the State. Of these boats, 31 numbers have been allotted to the fishermen of the Tirunelveli district.

In genuine cases of loss, these groups of fishermen are supplied with a second lot of 100 lb. of nylon twine at full cost.

Under the Crash Programme, nylon twine is being given to fishermen owning indigenous crafts such as catamaran and Vallam, at the rate of 50 lb. per fisherman on 75 per cent loan and 25 per cent subsidy on cost of nylon. A total quantity of

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60,000 lb. of nylon is thus being distributed under this scheme. Of these, 11,620 lb. of nylon are being distributed to fishermen of Tirunelveli district.

The Federation of Fishermen Co-operatives and some dried fish merchants at Tuticorin are importing foreign made nylon under the Export Incentive Scheme and this nylon is made available by them to the local fishermen.

I am to point out in this connection that in certain centres like Karikattukuppam, Covelong, Sathankuppam and Sadras in Chingleput district, the fishermen are against the use of nylon in spite of efforts of the Fisheries Department to introduce the nylon nets in their areas.

Thus, there is no distress among the fishermen in the State in general and in Tirunelveli district in particular due to shortage in supply of nylon yarn.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received two nominations for election to the Board of Industries. As the number of candidates duly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., two, I declare the following two candidates to have been duly elected to the Board of Industries—

1. Sri R. Jeevarathnam.
2. Sri V. R. Nedunchezhiyan.

(2) ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the following candidates were validly nominated for the election of three members to the Senate of the Annamalai University—

1. Sri K. Parthasarathy.
2. Sri G. Rajaram.
3. Sri K. A. Mathialagan.

As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., three, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Senate of the Annamalai University.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS

(1) THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Madras University (Amendment) Bill, 1965.